

ABSTRACT

An ultrasonic apparatus meanders a reception focus position so that the reception focus position is located further away from a transmitted beam at the transmission focus depth d_1 and is located
5 closer to the transmitted beam in areas shallower and deeper than the depth d_1 . As a result, the ultrasonic diagnostic apparatus makes the shapes of the first and the second composite beams straight lines, thereby preventing stripe patterns in the display image
10 from being generated and enabling a preferable image quality with reduced image distortion to be obtained, even when the parallel reception is performed.